

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

RECEIVED AND FILED  
WITH THE  
N.J. BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
ON 2-4-97 cm

PETER VERNIERO  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF NEW JERSEY

By: Marilyn Bair  
Deputy Attorney General  
Division of Law  
124 Halsey Street  
P.O. Box 45029  
Newark, New Jersey 07102  
Tel: (973) 648-3696

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

---

In the Matter of	:	
	:	Administrative Action
EDMUND ABAVANA, D.D.S.	:	
	:	CONSENT ORDER
Licensed to Practice Dentistry:	:	
in the State of New Jersey	:	

---

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry ("Board") upon the receipt of a patient complaint alleging unsanitary conditions in the office of Edmund Abavana, D.D.S. ("respondent"), including but not limited to dirty rooms and equipment. Thereafter, the Board requested that the Enforcement Bureau, Division of Consumer Affairs, conduct an inspection of respondent's premises. On May 14, 1997, an investigator for the Enforcement Bureau conducted such an inspection at respondent's Erial, New Jersey office, and forwarded to the Board the Inspection Report which disclosed unsanitary conditions in respondent's office.

Having reviewed the entire record, including the Enforcement Bureau Inspection Report, it appears to the Board that respondent did not conform to standard dental practice in the State of New

Jersey. The Inspection Report disclosed, among other things that the autoclave was inoperable, some medications were outdated and the autoclave bags were old and did not show sterilization.

It appearing that respondent desires to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown:

IT IS ON THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF February 1998,

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

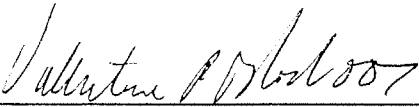
1. Respondent is hereby assessed civil penalties in the amount of \$500.00 for having an inoperable autoclave, \$500.00 for having outdated autoclave bags, and \$500.00 for having outdated medications. The total payment of \$1,500.00 shall be made by certified check or money order to the State of New Jersey and shall be submitted within thirty days of the entry of the within Consent Order to Agnes Clarke, Executive Director, New Jersey State Board of Dentistry, 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

2. Respondent is hereby assessed the costs of the investigation to the State in this matter in the amount of \$391.14. This payment shall be made by certified check or money order to the State of New Jersey and shall be submitted within thirty days of the entry of the within Consent Order to Agnes Clarke at the address indicated in paragraph #1.


3. Respondent shall take all necessary steps to assure that his office is maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. Respondent shall afford access to his dental office for periodic, random inspections by the Enforcement Bureau for the purpose of assuring the Board that he is maintaining his office in a sanitary

condition. Said inspections shall be conducted in a manner so as not to disrupt respondent's dental practice. Respondent shall be responsible for paying the costs of these inspections. The costs of each such inspection shall be based on the standard hourly rate for the Board's investigators prevailing at the time of the inspection, and shall be due and payable within thirty days of the respondent's receipt of a statement of such costs from the Executive Director of the Board.

STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

  
Valentine Bloch, D.D.S.  
President

I have read the within Order and understand its terms. I hereby consent to its entry and to be bound by the Order's terms.

  
Edmund Abavana, D.D.S.